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September 24, 2003

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW, Room TW – A306
Washington, DC 20554

Dear Ms. Dortch:


RE: Colorado's Certification of Support for Rural and Non-Rural High Cost Carriers Pursuant to 47 C.F.R. § 54.313-314, CC Dockets No. 96-45 and No. 00-256

The Colorado Public Utilities Commission (PUC) hereby certifies that all federal high cost support provided to rural and non-rural carriers in this state will be used only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended, consistent with Section 254 (e) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended. This includes High Cost Loop support (HCL), Local Switching Support (LSS), High Cost Model support (HCM), Hold Harmless support (HH), and high cost support received pursuant to the purchase of exchanges.

Attachment A lists rural and non-rural carriers certified by the Colorado PUC pursuant to §§ 54.313 and 54.314 of the Federal Communications Commission's rules (47 C.F.R. §§ 54.313 and 54.314), which require states to establish an annual certification process for rural and non-rural carriers receiving federal high cost support. As requested by the Universal Service Administrative Company, the assigned study area code is listed beside each carrier's name.

Questions regarding the annual certifications should be directed to Geri Santos-Rach, Chief of Fixed Utilities, at (303) 894-2533.

Very truly yours,


Bruce N. Smith
Director

cc: Ms. Irene Flannery
Vice President, High Cost and Low Income Division
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Attachment A
LIST OF STATE CERTIFIED CARRIERS

Non Rural Carriers

Qwest Corporation SAC # 462105

Rural Carriers – Incumbent Local Exchange Carriers

Agate Telephone Company	SAC # 462178
Big Sandy Telecom	SAC # 462192
Bijou Telephone Cooperative Assn.	SAC # 462181
Blanca Telephone Company	SAC # 462182
CenturyTel of Eagle	SAC # 462185
CenturyTel of Colorado	SAC # 462208
Columbine Acquisition Corp.	SAC # 462204
Delta County Telephone Company	SAC # 462184
Dubois Telephone Exchange.	SAC # 512291
Eastern Slope Rural Telephone Assn.	SAC # 462186
El Paso County Telephone Co.	SAC # 462187
Farmers Telephone Company	SAC # 462188
Great Plains Telephone Company	SAC # 371577
Haxtun Telephone Company	SAC # 462190
Nucla- Naturita Telephone Co.	SAC # 462193
Nunn Telephone Company	SAC # 462194
Peetz Cooperative Telephone Co.	SAC # 462196
Phillips County Telephone Company	SAC # 462197
Pine Drive Telephone Company	SAC # 462198
Plains Cooperative Telephone Assn.	SAC # 462199
Rico Telephone Company	SAC # 462201
Roggen Telephone Company	SAC # 462202
Rye Telephone Company	SAC # 462203
S&T Telephone Company	SAC # 411827
South Park Telephone Company	SAC # 462195
Stoneham Cooperative Telephone Co.	SAC # 462206
Strasburg Telephone Co.	SAC # 462207
Sunflower Telephone Co.	SAC # 461835
Union Telephone	SAC # 512297
Wiggins Telephone Association	SAC # 462209
Willard Telephone Co.	SAC # 462210

Rural Carriers – Competitive Eligible Telecommunications Carriers

San Isabel Telecom, Inc.	SAC not known
Western Wireless	SAC # 469003
Northeast Colorado Cellular, Inc.	SAC # 469001